

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 7 and 7 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are rejected. Claims 1 and 3 are amended. Claims 2 and 4-11 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 3 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claim 3 is objected to for the use of the term "can" in the claim, the Examiner noting the term "can" is not seen as a positive recitation of a claim limitation. The Examiner further noting, the term "can" introduces an optional element to the claim limitation and is not binding. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 3 in which the term "can be" has been amended to read as --are--.

Approval is requested.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 7,110,540 to Rajagopal et al., in view of US Patent No. 5,359,724 to Earle. In response to the above rejections, Applicant has cancelled Claims 7 and 8 and amended Claim 1 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention and clearly distinguish the inventions over the prior art of record.

The present invention is different from the cited reference in that in the invention, a table has a position sequence information of a corresponding divided part in the whole sentence. In the cited reference, there is no position sequence information of a corresponding divided part in the whole sentence. The detailed description of the invention states (see specification page 9, beginning at line 15):

"The numeral "1" is assigned to Ct11, Ct12, and Ct13, as information representing that the corresponding word is the first one of the sentence. The number "2" is assigned to Ct14, Ct15, Ct16, and Ct17 of fourth to seventh tables 440 to 470 storing the second word, as a means for checking whether or not each word is detected and compounded at the right position."

In view of the foregoing, it is believed neither Rajagopal et al., nor Earle teach or suggest a high speed storing method in which a table is generated by:

"assigning position sequence information of a corresponding divided part in the whole sentence to a first field;  
assigning a characteristic packet ID of the corresponding divided part to a second field; and

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assigning the characteristic packet ID of a divided part located prior to the corresponding divided part to a third field when the corresponding divided part is not an initial divided part among the plurality of divided parts."

Accordingly, all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207 3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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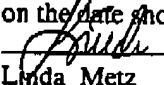
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